## **REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The claims are 1 to 8, 10 and 11.

The above amendment is responsive to points set forth in the Official Action.

With regard to the rejection of claims 1 to 11 as indefinite, the amendments suggested by the Examiner have been made.

With regard to the rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), this rejection is moot in view of the above cancellation of claim 9.

No further issues remaining, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact undersigned at the telephone number below.

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